
HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

HISTORY SEARCH

The Bookshop(Shenandoah Street) Built 1826-1834. This structure once housed an inn operated by Major James Stephenson.

1. How many dormers extend from the front roof of this historic building?_____.

Harpers Ferry: A Place in Time
(Shenandoah Street) The town of Harpers Ferry evolved through time.

2.What natural feature(s) helped build and destroy the town?

_____.

Provost Marshal's Office (Shenandoah Street) "**Show your pass,**" echoed through wartime Harpers Ferry as the Union provost guard patrolled the streets during the Civil War.

3. Who was the primary enforcer of military law during the Civil War?

_____.

Dry Goods Store (Shenandoah Street)
In the 1850's more than 40 Harpers Ferry merchants, including 7 dry goods, grocery and hardware stores served a population of over 2,500 people.

4. What were the two main transportation systems that brought goods to Harpers Ferry in the 1850's?

a._____.

b._____.

Information Center (Shenandoah Street)
Harpers Ferry preserves over 240 years of American history.

5. What are the six major themes of the park?

a._____.

b._____.

c._____.

d._____.

e._____.

f._____.

Industry Museum (Shenandoah Street)
6. Name three things produced by water-power.

a._____.

b._____.

c._____.

Philip Frankel & Co. (Shenandoah Street)
The ready made clothing industry was revolutionary in that it provided clothing items in a wide range of sizes at a reasonable cost and it became more difficult to distinguish social classes by outward appearances.

7. Customers referred to ready-made clothing that was cheaply made and fit poorly as _____.

_____.

8. Ready made clothing competed with the custom made garments produced by a

Restoration Museum (Shenandoah Street)

Historic structures offer many challenges to historians, architects and archaeologists.

There are questions related to original appearance, changes over the years and how the building should be treated.

9. List four different primary sources of information that gave evidence about this building's prior use and occupants.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

John Brown Museum (Shenandoah Street)

These restored buildings now house a new interactive exhibit relating to John Brown and the turbulent times in which he lived.

10. On what date did John Brown attack the U.S. Armory at Harpers Ferry? _____

11. What was Brown's goal? _____

Find out more in "Ask About Me" and the courtroom sections of the museum.

John Brown's Fort (Shenandoah Street) This was the armory fire engine house used by John Brown for refuge during his raid in 1859.

12. What crimes was John Brown convicted of?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Arsenal Square (Shenandoah Street) Here you can see the foundations of the two United States Arsenal buildings that were burned in 1861.

13. What was the purpose of the arsenal? _____

The Point (From Fort proceed under the railroad trestle) From here you can see the confluence of the two rivers.

14. Name these two rivers.

a. _____ b. _____

Wetlands Museum (High Street)

15. The canal provided _____ around the rapids of the Shenandoah River as well as supplying water to downstream _____.

16. I live in the Harpers Ferry wetland. When I get upset I slap my flat, wide tail on the surface of the water and then dive. My large front teeth help me to cut down trees for my dams and lodges. Who am I?



Education and the Struggle for Equality (High Street) Storer College first began as a school to teach freed slaves reading and writing.

17. One of the first trustees of Storer College was an escaped slave who later became an abolitionist leader. He was:

_____.

Black Voices From Harpers Ferry (High Street)

18. Slaves were considered to be human property that was protected by the U.S.

_____.

19. Isaac Gilbert had raised the considerable sum of \$ _____ to purchase his _____ and their three _____.

20. Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe attended Storer College in Harpers Ferry. In 1963 he became the first President of the _____ of _____.

Burton's Jewelry Store (High Street)

21. How was this building, and many others in Harpers Ferry, heated during the cold winters? _____.

Defeat and Victory (High Street)

22. In 1862 Gen. Lee led a Confederate Army into the North. This was known as

_____.

23. When the Union garrison at Harpers Ferry surrendered the South captured

_____.

_____.

_____.

Civil War Museum (High Street)

24. On June 20, 1863, _____ became the 35th state.

25. Harpers Ferry changed hands _____ times during the Civil War.

Harper House (Up the stone steps on High Street) Built by Robert Harper between 1775 and 1782, this is the oldest surviving structure in the park. The furnished interior, typical of a tenant house, reveals the crowded conditions of this busy industrial town in the 1850's.

26. How much rent did the McGraw family pay to live in a portion of the Harper House in 1856? _____

27. Who was the Wager family? _____

_____.

Jefferson Rock (Continue up the hill)

Thomas Jefferson visited Harpers Ferry and stated this view was "worth a voyage across the Atlantic".

28. Why were the red sandstone pillars placed under the rock by the armory superintendent in 1860?

_____.

_____.

29. **BONUS** - Thomas Jefferson was the author of the _____ of _____ and became the _____ (#) President of the United States in 1801.

HISTORY SEARCH - ANSWER KEY

1. Four (4)
 2. Rivers
 3. Provost Marshal
 4. a. C&O Canal
b. railroads
 5. a. Industry
b. John Brown
c. Civil War
d. African American History
e. Natural Environment
f. Transportation
 6. Cotton sheeting, cotton yarn, guns, timber
billet, candle wicking, linseed oil, paper
pulp, tanned hides
 7. "slops"
 8. Tailor
 9. a. deeds
b. maps
c. leases
d. newspaper adds
e. photographs
 10. October 16, 1859
 11. To seize the guns and free slaves
 12. a. murder
b. treason
c. inciting slaves to rebellion
 13. Storehouse for weapons
 14. a. Potomac
b. Shenandoah
 15. safe passage, industries
 16. beaver
 17. Frederick Douglass
 18. Constitution
 19. \$1,400, wife and 3 children
 20. Republic, Nigeria
 21. Stove (wood and coal)
 22. The Maryland Campaign
 23. 13,000 small arms, 200 wagons, 73
cannon and 12,419 Union soldiers
 24. West Virginia
 25. Eight (8)
 26. \$60.00 a year.
 27. Robert Harper's heirs
 28. To prevent the rock from rolling down on
the town and causing injury.
 29. Declaration of Independence, third
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